

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10-13, 16, and 19-21 have been amended, and claims 22-23 have been added. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-2 and 4-23 are pending and under consideration. Claim 4 has been indicated as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 4 has been amended into independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claim 4, and new dependent claims 22 and 23, are in allowable condition. The remaining claims have been amended to include aspects from claim 4.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-15, and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Iwata, U.S. Patent No. 6,865,621. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By way of review, and as only an example, independent claim 1 sets forth:

"[a] mobile device, comprising:

a plurality of modules;

a control unit executing a predetermined program that uses at least one of the plurality of modules based on a program initiation control signal;

a power supply providing power to drive the plurality of modules; and

a power control unit receiving information on the program that is executed by the control unit and selectively, based on recorded predetermined selection information selectively identifying an on/off operation on a driving of respective modules, depending on the information from the control unit of which program, of a plurality of programs, has been executed, supplying the power to the at least one module."

The Office Action indicates that Iwata discloses all the claimed features of independent claims 1, 10, and 19. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Iwata sets forth a computer that has a DVD/CD drive with a external button/switch that can be set for permitting the drive to operate separate from the OS of the computer. If the external button/switch is set, then when a disc is inserted into the drive, then the computer will operate only those programs necessary to reproduce the data from the disc.

Conversely, as noted above, independent claim 1 sets forth that the power control unit receives "information on the program that is executed by the control unit" and accordingly selectively supplies power to at least one module based on recorded predetermined selection

information "selectively identifying an on/off operation on a driving of respective modules, depending on the information from the control unit of which program, of a plurality of programs, has been executed."

It is respectfully submitted that Iwata fails to disclose or suggest the controlling of the power supply to the at least one module based either on the claimed "information on the program that is executed by the control unit" or the claimed "recorded predetermined selection information."

As noted above, Iwata bases control of the reproducing of data from the disc upon whether an external button/switch is set. Such a button/switch cannot be considered the same as the information on the program that is executed or the recorded predetermined selection information. Similarly, any operation within the computer of Iwata, upon inserting of the disc and upon the external button/switch being set, also cannot be considered the same as the information on the program that is executed or the recorded predetermined selection information.

At least in view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 10, and 19 are patentably distinguishable from Iwata. For at least above, it is further respectfully submitted that claims depending from claims 1, 10, and 19 are also in allowable condition.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102

Claims 7-9, 16, and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Iwata, in view of Silvester, U.S. Patent No. 6,631,469. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Silvester fails to disclose or suggest the above noted deficient feature of Iwata. It is respectfully submitted that Iwata and Silvester, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest features in claims 7-9, 16, and 17.

At least in view of the above, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

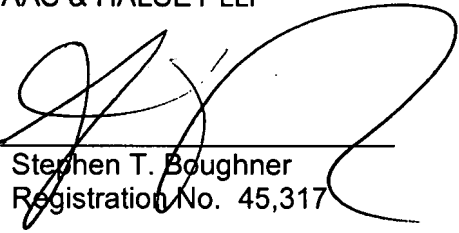
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Respectfully submitted,

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